MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The question of discharging the acting hands of the P. W. D., did not arise, as the amalgamation of the Water Works and Drainage Department with the P. W. D. had to be given effect to only after reducing the original strength of the staff of the Water Works and Drainage Department to the strength of the staff sanctioned for the various offices in the Water Works Section of the P. W. D.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether certain supervisors were relieved of their duties?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I cannot give a definite answer now. It is quite possible. Some were relieved and employed elsewhere.

Quarterly Civil List.

126 *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state; why the "Date of birth" column and the „Commencement of service" column in the current Quarterly Civil List are left vacant in the case of certain officers?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: *Date of birth.* The omission of entries in the column 'Date of birth' in certain cases is due to want of information and proof in regard to the date of birth of the officers concerned which have been called for. In the case of officers holding substantive gazetted appointments, officiating in another appointment, the date of birth is not entered against the officiating appointment, but only shown against their substantive appointment. Again in the case of Covenanted Officers and Officers appointed for limited periods, information in regard to date of birth is not called for, the same being unnecessary.

Commencement of service. This column is filled up only when the officer is confirmed in the cadre in which he is appointed.

Repatriation order of the Ceylon Government.

127 *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations by the Travancoreans in Ceylon with regard to the repatriation order of the Ceylon Government is contemplating to put into effect;

(*b*) the probable number of Travancoreans that may be affected by that order;

(*c*) whether any steps have been taken by our Government with regard to this matter; and

(*d*) if so the nature of the steps taken?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes; representations have been received from the Ceylon Malayali Mahajana Sabha.

(*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) & (*d*) This Government have forwarded their views to the Government of India and sought to impress upon them the necessity to take effective measures for counter-acting the policy adopted by the Government of Ceylon which this Government recognise, affects prejudicially a large number of Travancoreans.

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